



RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER		Docket No.: DEE6270P0090US
Serial No.: 09/905,531		Filing Date: 07/13/2001
Group Art Unit: 3745		Examiner: Frank D. Lopez
Applicant(s): Smith et al.		
Invention: Hydraulic System Diverter Mechanism for Single Lever Control of a Utility Vehicle		

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a _____ - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- No additional claim filing fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL 32	MINUS - 24	= 8	x \$ 9.00 =	\$	x \$ 18.00 =	\$144.00
INDEPENDENT 6	MINUS - 3	= 3	x \$42.00 =	\$	x \$ 84.00 =	\$252.00
First presentation of multiple dependent claim			+ \$140.00 =	\$	+ \$280.00 =	\$
		Total Fee		\$		\$396.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1606 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the claim filing fee.

A check in the amount of \$396.00 to cover the claim filing fee is enclosed.

Conditional Petition For Extension of Time: An extension of time, if necessary, is requested to provide for timely filing of this communication.

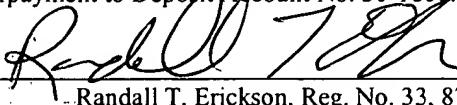
A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed.

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Date: Feb 20, 2003

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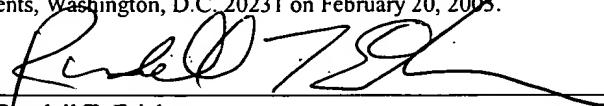

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of November 20, 2002 wherein the Examiner rejected claim 1-24.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

~~1. A hydraulic system for a utility vehicle, comprising:~~
~~a first hydraulic implement;~~
~~a second hydraulic implement, wherein said first hydraulic~~
~~implement is a front-mounted implement, and said second hydraulic implement is~~
~~a rear-mounted implement;~~
~~a diverter valve, said first and second hydraulic implements~~
~~selectively hydraulically flow-connected to said diverter valve;~~

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